

What is claimed is:

1. An impression medium for preserving at least a portion of at least one of a handprint and a footprint comprising, in combination:

an imprint film;

a printing medium coated onto a bottom surface of said imprint film;

a printing surface proximate said bottom surface of said imprint film; and

a substantially rigid backer dimensioned to be placed proximate a bottom surface of said printing surface.

2. The impression medium of Claim 1 further comprising a frame coupled about said imprint film, said frame defining at least one window dimensioned to expose at least a portion of said imprint film, said portion being sized to fit at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint.

3. The impression medium of Claim 2 wherein said frame being coupled to said backer.

4. The impression medium of Claim 2 wherein a first edge of said frame being pivotally coupled to a corresponding first edge of said backer so as to allow said backer to be folded so as to be proximate said printing surface.

5. The impression medium of Claim 1 further comprising an imprint protector sheet dimensioned to be placed between said bottom surface of said imprint film and a top surface of said printing surface.
6. The impression medium of Claim 1 wherein said substantially rigid backer being a cardboard backer.
7. The impression medium of Claim 1 wherein said printing medium comprising ink.
8. The impression medium of Claim 1 wherein said printing surface being one of an imprint sheet and paper card stock.
9. The impression medium of Claim 1 wherein at least one of said handprint and said footprint being from at least one of an infant hand and infant foot.
10. A method for preserving handprints and footprints for reproduction comprising the steps of:
 - providing an impression medium for preserving at least a portion of at least one of a handprint and a footprint;
 - recording at least one of a handprint and a footprint onto said impression medium; and
 - copying at least one of said handprint and said footprint from said impression medium onto a personalized keepsake.

11. The method of Claim 10 wherein the step of providing an impression medium for recording at least a portion of at least one of a handprint and a footprint comprises the steps of:

providing an imprint film;

providing a printing medium coated onto a bottom surface of said imprint film; and

providing a printing surface proximate said bottom surface of said imprint film.

12. The method of Claim 10 wherein the step of recording at least one of a handprint and a footprint onto an impression medium comprises the steps of:

pressing at least one of a hand and a foot on a top surface of said imprint film so as to impart at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint from said bottom surface of said imprint film onto said printing surface; and

copying from said printing surface at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint onto said personalized keepsake.

13. The method of Claim 10 wherein said impression medium further comprises an imprint protector sheet dimensioned to be placed between said bottom surface of said imprint film and a top surface of said printing surface.

14. The method of Claim 10 wherein said impression medium further comprises a substantially rigid backer dimensioned to be placed proximate a bottom surface of said printing surface.

15. The method of Claim 14 wherein a first edge of said frame being pivotally coupled to a corresponding first edge of said backer so as to allow said backer to be folded so as to be proximate said printing surface.

16. The method of Claim 14 wherein said substantially rigid backer being a cardboard backer.

17. The method of Claim 10 wherein said impression medium further comprises a frame coupled about said imprint film, said frame defining at least one window dimensioned to expose at least a portion of said imprint film, said portion being sized to fit at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint.

18. The method of Claim 10 wherein the step of recording at least one of a handprint and a footprint onto an impression medium comprises the steps of:

providing a printing medium;

coating a bottom surface of at least one of a hand and a foot with an effective amount of said printing medium;

pressing at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint onto a printing surface; and

copying from said printing surface at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint onto said personalized keepsake.

19. The method of Claim 18 wherein said printing medium being ink contained in one of an inkpad and an ink plate.

20. The method of Claim 18 wherein said printing medium being a chemically reactive solution.

21. The method of Claim 20 wherein said impression medium being chemically reactive paper.

22. The method of Claim 10 wherein said personalized keepsake being one of a birth announcement, a card, a mug, a shirt, and a candy wrapper.

23. The method of Claim 10 wherein said personalized keepsake having at least one of said handprint and said footprint being manufactured by a third party for distribution to those people selected by at least one of a parent and a guardian.

24. A method for preserving handprints and footprints onto an impression medium for production of a personalized keepsake comprising the steps of:

providing an impression medium for preserving at least a portion of at least one of a handprint and a footprint, said impression medium comprising, in combination:

an imprint film;

a frame coupled about said imprint film, said frame defining at least one window dimensioned to expose at least a portion of said imprint film, said portion being sized to fit at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint;

an ink coated onto a bottom surface of said imprint film;

a printing surface proximate said bottom surface of said imprint film;

an imprint protector sheet dimensioned to be placed between said bottom surface of said imprint film and a top surface of said printing surface; and

a rigid backer coupled along a first edge to a corresponding first edge of said frame and dimensioned to be folded so as to be proximate a bottom surface of said printing surface; and

pressing at least one of a hand and a foot on a top surface of said imprint film so as to impart at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint from said bottom surface of said imprint film onto said printing surface; and

copying from said printing surface at least a portion of at least one of said handprint and said footprint onto one of a birth announcement, a card, a mug, a shirt, and a candy wrapper.

25. The method of Claim 24 wherein at least one of said handprint and said footprint being at least one of an infant handprint and an infant footprint.